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Parliamentary Panel inspects Railway expansion project

Holds meeting with SWR Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager; Suggests city station passenger convenience measures

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (RK&BCT)- Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways Radha Mohan Singh, along with panel members, visited the Mysuru City Railway Station this morning for an inspection. The team is on a tour of Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Radha Mohan Singh was accompanied by 12 Members of Parliament (MPs) from various States and they reviewed many ongoing programmes of the Centre that are being implemented at all Railway Stations in India.

The team also inspected and reviewed the expansion project of the congested Mysuru City Railway Station that is proposed to be expanded utilising the space occupied by staff quarters.

The team was apprised of PM Modi laying foundation stone for a coaching terminal for sub-urban traffic at Naganahalli Railway Station that will be developed at a cost of Rs. 480 crore.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways Radha Mohan Singh** (in dhoti), **DRM Rahul Agarwal and other panel members inspecting Mysuru City Railway Station this morning.

The Parliamentary Panel included Ashish Ranjan, PS to the Chairman. The other MPs in the team were Kaushalendra Kumar, Jaskaur Meena, Satabdi Roy, Chandrani Murmu, Keshari Devi Patel, Mukesh Rajput, N. Reddeppa, Sumendhanand Saraswathi, Arvind Ganpat Sawant, Gopal Jee Thakur, Phulo Devi Netam and Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki.

Some of the team members were accompanied by their families and arrived at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel yesterday at 1 pm. After lunch, they visited Chamundi Hill and Mysore Palace. This morning, the MPs held a meeting with Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Rahul Agarwal and other senior officers and took detailed information from them regarding ongoing Railway projects in SWR Mysuru Division.

The team also visited the City Railway Station and suggested recommendations to improve passenger convenience and amenities. They discussed special initiatives taken by SWR apart from implementing the Centre's initiatives that are being executed at all Railway Stations in the country.

After the meeting, the Parliamentary team left for Bidadi by train at 11 am. At Bidadi, they will have lunch at Eagleton Golf Resort. They will later visit the KSR Bengaluru Station for an inspection and proceed to Hotel Taj for the evening and stay. The team is scheduled to fly to New Delhi tomorrow.

Water Resources Minister visits Harangi, Kabini Dams

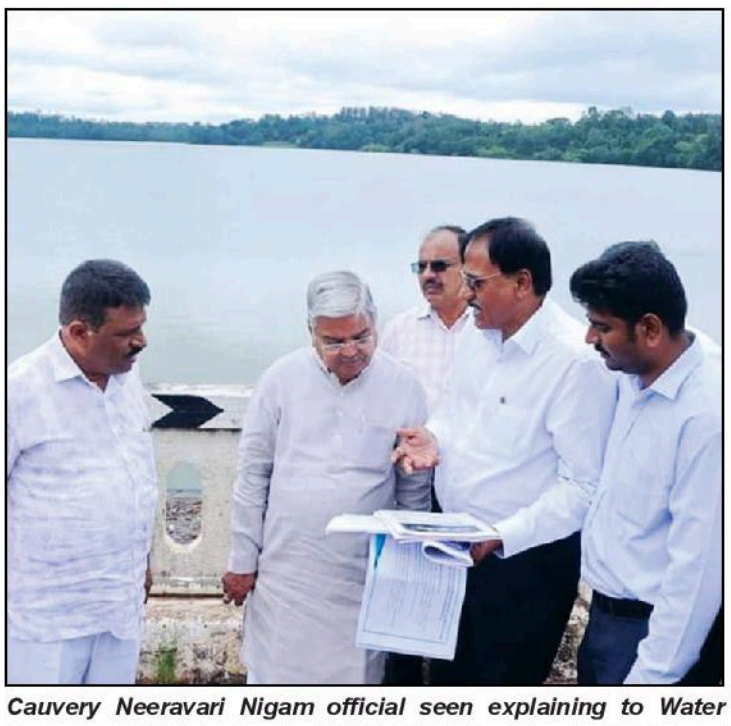
▶ 8.80 lakh cubic metres of deposited silt to be removed from Harangi Reservoir

▶ Takes exception to illegal private resorts fleecing tourists in Kabini backwaters

Kushalnagar, Aug. 22 (Akshay&BCT)- After a long delay, the State Government will finally begin work on removing silt from the Harangi Dam in Kodagu district in November this year.

Harangi is the main Cauvery water supply reservoir from the catchment areas to Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya. There is a huge amount of silt deposited inside the Harangi Dam and this is making it incapable of storing more water, especially during the crisis months.

Minister for Water Resources Govind M. Karjol said the State Cabinet has already approved the release of Rs. 130 crore for silt removal. The Minister was speaking to reporters after visiting the Harangi Dam backwaters yesterday.



Cauvery Neeravari Nigam official seen explaining to Water Resources Minister Govind M. Karjol during his visit to Harangi Dam yesterday as MLA Appachu Ranjan and others look on.

"A large quantity of silt had been deposited in Harangi reservoir and its downstream after the heavy rains of 2018 led to widespread landslips in the region. Thousands of tonnes of sand and rocks mixed with trees and coffee estates were washed away from Hattihole and Madapura regions during the flash floods and massive landslides in August-September 2018," Karjol said.

To store more water

Realising the gravity of the situation, the State Government had ordered a survey of the river in 2018-2019 to ascertain the amount of silt deposited in the Dam, the Minister said. "As per the action plan, 8.80 lakh cubic metres of silt will be removed and this will enable the storage of more water," Karjol said.

Projects are being planned to construct gabion walls across vulnerable river basins and desilting work will be undertaken to increase storage capacity. "Of the Rs. 130 crore, about Rs. 40 crore will be spent on removing silt deposited in the river and the Dam while a total of 314 bridges that had been damaged will be repaired," the Minister said.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 22nd August 2022

Mysuru boy excels as Team India wins Intl. Targetball Series

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (BNR)- Excellent game by Alok D. Jain of MASVS Gurukul Pre-University College, Mysuru, who represented India in the Bangabandhu International Targetball Series organised by Bangladesh Targetball Association at Dhaka in Bangladesh between Aug. 5 and 8, helped team India win all the three games of the series and take home the winner's trophy.

Alok has been named among the probables of Team India which will take part in the South Asian Championship to be held in December this year, which will see participation from SARC countries, according to a press release from Karnataka Targetball Association President K.K. Soni (Indian Air Force) and Gen. Secretary and Team India trainer B. Srinivas.

Alok D. Jain

Indian Targetball Team at the closing ceremony of Bangabandhu International Targetball Series.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

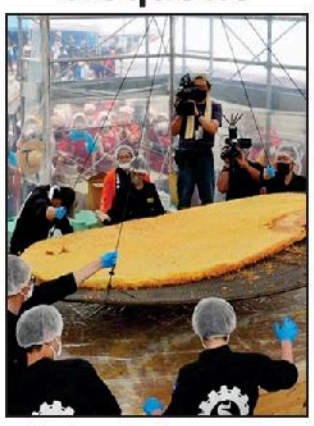
Universal health and education at quality levels are not quick fix solutions and need a 10-15 year gestation period before they can contribute positively to a country's GDP. Poor nations find this wait difficult and that is why there is the pressure to announce loan waivers, free water, electricity, cheap fertilisers and so on. It is easy to grandstand on universal health and education, but to deliver them effectively, subsidies have to be cut now. A truly hard choice made harder by the fact that so many of us are so used to subsidies at every turn that we don't even notice we are enjoying them.

This may give the impression that wealth is the necessary initial condition behind the establishment of universal health and education in the West. That is not true. Most developed Western countries that invested in universal health and education did so not when they were rich, but when they were poor. The one thing they just had to do was to cut back on subsidies before they became freebies, and used that resource instead for universal welfare. This is why the rich and the indigent in Europe can avail of similar service standards.

Some European reformers likened this step to universal welfarism as a leap s in the dark. But without taking that risk, freebies will prosper and appear as if they are acts of nature. *— Dipankar Gupta in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's largest croquette



Assabu: A Japanese town broke a Guinness World Record at its annual summer festival when a team of chefs used local potatoes to cook up the world's largest croquette.

The town of Assabu, in the Hokkaido region, has cooked up jumbo croquettes at its summer festival since 2004, and this year's finished product earned the Guinness World Record when it weighed in at 615 pounds.

The previous record, set in the Netherlands, was 497.8 pounds. The team used 551 pounds of May Queen potatoes, a variety native to the region, 110 pounds of ground beef, 200 eggs and a large amount of onions. The finished croquette was cut into about 1,300 portions and served to festival attendees.

Winning lottery ticket shredded by dogs

Salem: Oregon Lottery officials said they were able to reconstruct an 8-dollar winning scratch-off ticket that was torn to shreds by the winner's dogs.

Lottery officials said they received a letter from Salem residents Nathan and Rachael Lamet explaining their 3 dollars Pharaoh's Gold Crossword ticket had been ripped to bits by Apple and Jack, their Alaska klee kai dogs. The letter included the torn-up ticket and a photo of the guilty canines.

Lottery officials were able to piece the ticket back together and confirmed it was an 8 dollars winner. The Lumets said they were shocked when officials replied to their letter and said a check would be mailed to them. That's too funny," Rachael said. "We are definitely getting more chew toys, they go through a lot. We love them, but they are crazy sometimes."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Hair care includes shampooing with a mild shampoo at least once weekly. Protect hair from UV light and pollution by using cap or helmet. Oil hair once a week.

By Dr. Jayanth D.P. - Consultant – Dermatology and Cosmetology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Free skill training in Food Production and Bakery & Confectionery

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (BNR)- Food Craft Institute, Mysuru, in association with the Department of Tourism, will be providing short-term training under Skill Development Scheme for candidates who are willing to start jobs in Food Production and Bakery & Confectionery fields. Training will be held at the Food Craft Institute, Kannada Karanji Building, 1st Floor, Karnataka Exhibition Authority premises here.

Candidates in the age group of 18-35 years, with a minimum qualification of 8th standard, may apply. The training period is 18 weeks for Food Production and 6 weeks for Bakery & Confectionery jobs. A stipend of Rs. 2,000 will be provided.

Lunch, uniform and learning materials will be provided free. Successful candidates will be given certificates and placement assistance will be provided to get employed in prestigious hotels.

Prescribed applications must be obtained from Institute office and filled-in forms, along with five recent photographs, marks card, caste certificate, Aadhaar card and bank account details, should be submitted. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2445388 or Mob: 63620-18821.

Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 Cricket

TODAY'S MATCHES (AUGUST 22)

- Shivamogga Strikers Vs Gulbarga Mystics — 3.00 pm
- Hubli Tigers Vs Mangalore United — 7.00 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (AUGUST 23)

- Eliminator — 3.00 pm
- Qualifier-1 — 7.00 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

- **Hubli Tigers:** 169/7 (20) **LOST TO Bengaluru Blasters:** 171/8 (20)
- **Gulbarga Mystics:** 148/4 (17.3) **BEAT Mysore Warriors:** 102/7 (11) (VJD)

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *"Why are you so late?"*

Student: *"Someone told me to go to hell."*

Teacher: *"Why did that make you late to class?"*

Student: *"I couldn't find it at first, but now here I am!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 79.84
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.46
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 21.74
1 Euro	= Rs. 80.16

VOICE OF THE READER

Good initiative by MCC in installing LED streetlights

Sir,

LED streetlights are being provided in Mysuru by replacing old type tubelights and sodium lights in city. Now the LED light illumination is very good and better than earlier system.

These lights cover more area on the Road. It seems they have used 10 watts LED bulbs in place of 40 watts tubelight and similarly MV lamp bulb by very low watt bright LED bulb of 50 watts.

By this arrangement, electrical energy is saved by more than 60 to 70%. This scheme is a very good initiative in saving energy.

In addition, the MCC has introduced automatic timer operated switching equipment for on and off of streetlight circuits. These circuits were earlier operated manually, causing additional expenses. More such initiative is expected from MCC in all works.

—B.S. Nagendra Kumar
J P Nagar 2.8.2022

Short-film contest and workshop

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (SSM) - The Film Festival Sub-Committee of Dasara Mahotsav-2022 and the Department of Information and Public Relations has organised a short-film competition.

The short-film must be of five minutes duration including the title. One can submit any number of short-films. Any downloaded background music, still images, videos, songs must not be used. For Kannada short-films subtitles is a must. The short-film must be uploaded in the form of MP4 in Google drive or in YouTube and the link must be shared while applying for the competition. To apply visit https://bit.ly/3QYKoKW and submit applications by paying Rs. 100 scanning the QR code visible in the Google form before Sept. 12. Best five short-films will be given cash prizes and certificates at a function on Sept. 22. For details, call Mob: 94805-59969.

Workshop

A short-film workshop titled 'Film Production-Preparation' will be held at Vignana Bhavan in Manasagangothri from Sept. 22 to Sept. 24. Those attending the workshop will get a pass with 50 percent discount to watch the films screened during Dasara Film Festival. To apply visit *https://bit.ly/3dxD22D* and pay Rs. 300 by scanning the QR code in the Google form before Sept. 19. For details, call Mob: 98443-93691.

Inter-High School Kannada debate contest held in city

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (SBD&SSM)- City's Dinesh Coaching Centre had organised a District-level Inter-High School Kannada Debate Contest on the topic 'Chunavana samayadalli rajakiya pakshagalu ghoshisuva uchita bhagyagalu deshada abhivrudhige maraka' (Free schemes and benefits announced by political parties during election time are harmful to country's development) at Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram here yesterday.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme Industrialist K.V. Ananthashayana said it is important that every child must build self-confidence. "We get very less chances in life. So grab the opportunity at the right time and make your own path towards success," he advised the participants.

Over 25 High School students took part in the debate competition. The first three winners are: Tanya L. Bhat of Sri Sharada Public School (first), Supragna Jain of Vijaya Vittala School (second) and Kiran Kumar of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School (third). They bagged a cash prize of Rs.3,000, Rs.2,000 and Rs.1,000 respectively along with a citation. Consolation prizes were presented to Pradyumna Bhat of BVB and Y.D. Chaitra of Sri Sharada Public School. Besides, Sri Sharada Public School bagged the overall championship.

Coaching Centre Head N.V. Dinesh, Sowmya Dinesh, Prashant Raj, Contest Judges A. Vishwanath, C. Vishwanath, H. Satyaprasad and others were present.

Overcharging COVID patients: 577 private hospitals get notice

Bengaluru, Aug. 22 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Government on Sunday said it has issued notices to as many as 577 private healthcare facilities for overcharging patients during treatment for COVID-19 in the three waves of the pandemic in the State.

Minister for Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education Dr. K. Sudhakar said this was a stern warning from the Government to private hospitals.

"We have issued notices to 577 hospitals and initiated action against private hospitals that have received money from the government, besides collecting fees from COVID patients," the Minister said.

He said over Rs. 1.58 crore was returned to the families of at least 403 patients. The Minister said hospitals had taken over Rs. 18 crore of which Rs. 1.58 crore

Dr. K. Sudhakar

was returned. The action comes after widespread allegations that private hospitals overcharged panic-stricken patients and their families in the name of treatment during the subsequent waves of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Under the Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka Scheme, earlier steps were taken to treat COVID patients in private hospitals on a referral basis. The Government is providing this benefit with the good intention of helping the families of patients. The treatment cost of patients is borne by Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust. But some private hospitals, besides collecting fees from patients, also get money from the Trust," he said.

"The treatment cost of COVID patients is borne by the Government itself. In the first wave, Rs. 391.26 crore from March 2020 to March 2021, in the second wave, Rs. 376.76 crore from April to December 2021. And during the third wave, from January to March 2022, Rs. 11.80 crore has been paid," Dr. Sudhakar said.

When there were complaints about this, Dr. Sudhakar instructed officials to conduct a review and issue notices. Accordingly, notices have been issued to 577 private hospitals so far. Dr. Sudhakar said, "This is a clear warning given by the Government to private hospitals."

New office-bearers of Gokulam Kodava Sangha

A group photo of new office-bearers of Gokulam Kodava Sangha for the period 2022-24 who were elected during its 16th AGM held recently. *Sitting from left:* ***Muckatira P. Mandanna (Joint Secretary); Dr. Bottengada G. Ponnappa (Vice-President); Wg. Cdr. Mundumada D. Aiyanna (special invitee); Ammatanda K.Chinnappa (President); Mrs. Chendanda Navin Aiyappa (Secretary) and Chenanda Aswini (Nancy) Kuttappa (Treasurer);*** *Standing from left:* ***Committee Members Bottengada G. Belliappa; Ulliyada Chidananda; Puliyanda Sujatha; Kodandera S. Pavithra; Iychettira S. Preethi; Kuttanda Myna Muddappa; Kavadichanda Devamma; Muckatira Sujatha; Dr. Devanira M. Nandakumar and Kollimada Daya Achaiah. Another special invitee Nayakanda U. Appaya not in pic.***

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NEWS BRIEFS

Valedictory prog.

The valedictory of the cultural, sports, NSS, NCC, Scouts and Guides and Red Cross activities of the Government Girls Pre-University College, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, will be held at its premises tomorrow (Aug. 23) at 11 am. MLA G.T. Devegowda will deliver the valedictory address. MLC Marithibbegowda, Hootagalli CMC Commissioner T.N. Narasimhamurthy, KSRTC, Mysuru Divisional Controller R. Ashok Kumar, Maharani's College Kannada Department Head Mysuru Krishnamurthy, National athlete C. Navyashree will be the chief guests. College Principal Dr. G.H. Mahadevaswamy will preside.

Stage decoration

The Cultural Sub-Committee of Dasara Mahotsav 2022 has invited applications for stage decorations which will be set up for various cultural programmes during the festival at Mysore Place. Interested may submit the stage decoration blue-prints at the Office of the Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director in Kalamandira premises before 5 pm on Aug. 26. For details, call Ph: 0821-2513225 or Mob: 94482-44340.

Annual Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the Mysore District Tourist Vehicle Drivers & Owners Welfare Association will be held at Bharath International Travels, Saraswathipuram in city on Aug. 23 at 11 am. Association President S. Nagaraju will preside. Free health and eyes check up camp for association members will be held. [Ph: 0821-2548455 or Mob: 94816-44045.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	124.28	feet
Yesterday	:	124.16	feet
Inflow	:	7,054	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,922	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.43	feet
Inflow	:	4,471	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,350	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.79	feet
Inflow	:	3,059	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,300	cusecs

MUDA Stadium as open bar

Concerned citizens clear heaps of garbage, liquor bottles

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (GA&TRR)- The stadium at Vijayanagar 1st stage, built by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) by spending crores of public money has now become a haven for drunkards and drug addicts. The stadium is now crying for attention.

The stadium built with a good intention to encourage sports, sports lovers and also to enable the general public to take their morning and evening walks has now become a place for undesirable practices, thereby creating public nuisance. Lakhs of rupees are being spent for the purchase and repairs of equipment. But the failure of MUDA administration in ensuring proper maintenance of the stadium has led to the misuse of the stadium for illegal activities by miscreants.

Soon after the Sun sets, the stadium becomes a place of undesirable activities. For those who come to a nearby choultry to attend various functions, the stadium has become an open bar for them. They buy liquor from nearby shops and freely enjoy their drinks in the open. They later discard liquor bottles, empty cigarette packs, cigarette butts, leftover food in plastic covers all over the stadium.

Some of them even sit on the overhead water tank to enjoy their drink. The stadium is being used by these miscreants as an 'Open Party Hall.'

Added to this, there is another matter of serious concern. The stadium is being used by drug addicts too. The citizens of the area have observed a group of people taking drugs in the stadium and creating public nuisance. As a proof, used syringes and rolling paper covers used to consume drugs are seen in the drains.

The stadium is close to schools, colleges, ladies hostel and Sahitya Bhavan. Local residents are a worried lot as the stadium is being used for drinking sessions and for consuming drugs.

The MUDA Sports Complex has a basketball and tennis courts and a football ground apart from a gym. Everyday, students from various colleges come here to pursue their sporting activities. Apart from this, residents of surrounding areas like Vijayanagar, Jayalakshmipuram, Mahadeshwara Layout etc. come here every day for their walks. But the environment inside the stadium is preventing them from using the stadium.

A group of like-minded people cleaning the MUDA Stadium in Vijayanagar.

Waste and discarded liquor bottles collected during cleaning drive.

Failure in safety and maintenance

It appears that the MUDA has completely forgotten to maintain Vijayanagar Stadium. MUDA officials visit the stadium only when it executes development works. Cleanliness has become a mirage here. At least by providing minimum security, MUDA can control illegal activities. Proper lighting facility, installing CCTV cameras and deploying security guards can bring changes. But will MUDA do it in public interest?

Though the public on many occasions requested MUDA to repair defunct lighting facility, deploy security personnel and to construct toilets in the stadium, no action has been taken. Meanwhile, a few sporting organisations have come forward to take care of the maintenance of the stadium and even conveyed their willingness to MUDA. It is a tragedy that MUDA has not bothered to take any decision in this regard yet.

Citizens resort to "Swachhameva Jayathe"!

Frustrated by the laxity and total neglect of the stadium, the general public decided to clean the stadium and made an attempt to change the environment inside the stadium by cleaning it under the banner - "Swachhameva Jayathe."

Retired Deputy Chief Engineer of Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board. Vishwanath, who accompanies his son everyday to practice basketball in the stadium was saddened to the see the state of affairs in the Stadium.

He first provided a tap to the drinking water pipe and then planted 25 saplings at various places in the stadium and brought water in his car daily to water these saplings. Inspired by this act, retired Railway official M.H. Venkategowda also started doing his bit in cleaning the stadium. Venkategowda was further joined by other like minded people like Balya Foundation Trust Founder K.S. Anil, Trustees Uma Anil and K.A. Srinidhi, Corporators M.U. Subbaiah and K.V. Sridhar and civic workers.

During last year's Gandhi Jayanti, these people have worked continuously for over 3 hours cleaning the entire stadium.

But even as they were displaying their social responsibility, the miscreants are still at work and even now they are spoiling the stadium by drinking liquor and consuming drugs. Empty bottles and used syringes are still seen inside the stadium. Some irresponsible youth are resorting to bike racing and wheelie, thus posing a threat to the life of people.

"We collected money from the public and from those who come here for walking and made an attempt to clean the stadium which looked like a mini forest. Now, officials should give cooperation to us and ensure that miscreants don't gain entry into the stadium and spoil its environment. They should also provide basic facilities and security to the stadium," urged Retired Railway official Venkategowda and retired school teacher Cynthia.

Congress to get non-Gandhi family leader as President

Kharge Ashok Gehlot Mukul Wasnik Meira Kumar P. Chidambaram

New Delhi, Aug. 22- After nearly three decades of having Sitaram Kesri (from 1996 to 1998), a non-Gandhi family leader, as AICC President, now the grand-old Congress party is all set to have another non-Gandhi family leader as the next AICC Chief, going by the developments inside the party.

With Rahul Gandhi showing little interest in heading the party and an aging Sonia Gandhi suffering from health issues, the names of Congress veterans such as Mallikarjun Kharge, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, AICC General Secretary Mukul Wasnik, former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar and former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram are doing the rounds for taking over Congress leadership at the National-level.

While Kharge, a veteran Congress leader from Karnataka and currently serving as Opposition Leader in the Rajya Sabha, is the senior-most among all of them, Gehlot, another veteran Congress leader, is currently serving as Rajasthan CM. Mukul Wasnik, the youngest among the lot, is an influential leader from Maharashtra, Meira Kumar is the daughter of former Deputy Prime Minister late Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram and P. Chidambaram from Tamil Nadu is among the key leaders in the party think-tank.

After a bunch of promising young Congress leaders such as Jyotiraditya Scindia, Jitin Prasada, Sushmita Deb, RPN Singh, Kuldeep Bishnoi, Ashok Tanwar and Ashok Choudhary quit the party for one reason or the other, the party seems to have lost hope on young leadership.

As such, the Congress is looking at old and loyal war horses such as Kharge, Gehlot, Wasnik, Meira Kumar and Chidambaram to head the party ahead of the crucial 2024 Lok Sabha polls, which is certainly going to be a do or die battle for the over a century old party, that is now struggling for survival due to successive poll defeats, internal rumblings and top leaders deserting Congress.

Kamakshi Hospital distributes uniforms to auto drivers

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (RKB&DM)- Marking the 75th year of Independence, Kamakshi Hospital at J.P. Nagar distributed uniforms to about 120 auto drivers recently.

Speaking after launching the distribution, MLA S.A. Ramdas said that auto drivers are rendering service to society while eking out their livelihood.

Ramdas also announced that as part of PM Modi's birthday celebration, he would strive to distribute subsidised autos to drivers after entering into an agreement with Nationalised Banks in this regard.

Kamakshi Hospital Managing Director Mahesh Shenoy, BJP leaders Yashaswini Somashekar, Om Srinivas, Santosh, Akshay, Ajay Shastri, Shivaraj, Krishna, Raghavendra and others were present on the occasion.

Generator thieves arrested

Three generators worth Rs. 3.66 lakh recovered, one Innova vehicle seized

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (KS)- Narasimharaja (NR) Police, on Aug. 13, have arrested two persons on charges of stealing generators and have also arrested a person who was purchasing the stolen goods from them.

The Cops have recovered three Honda company generators besides seizing a Toyota Innova car used for the crime.

During interrogation the accused are said to have confessed of stealing the generators in NR (Mysuru), Metagalli (Mysuru) and Malavalli Town (Mandya) Police limits and following their arrest, the Police have solved one case each in NR, Metagalli and Malavalli Police Stations.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and NR Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar supervised NR Inspector Azaruddin, Sub-Inspectors Jaikeerthi and Gangadhar, ASI Ravi and staff Manjunath, Mahesh, Sunil Kumar, Doddegowda, Eeresh and Basavaraju in the nabbing operation.

Honey Trapping: Rs. 50 lakh extorted from Mandya businessman

Woman arrested; Incident took place six months ago; Complaint lodged on Aug. 19

Mandya, Aug. 22- Mandya West Police have arrested a woman who is accused of honey trapping a businessman by videographing the businessman with an unidentified woman, blackmailing him and later extorting Rs. 50 lakh from the businessman.

The victim (businessman) is Jagannath S. Shetty, proprietor of Srinidhi Golds on V.V. Road in Mandya. The incident had taken place six months ago and a complaint was lodged on Aug. 19. The Police have arrested a woman in just two days of the businessman lodging the complaint.

Details: Jagannath, who had reserved a bus ticket to go to Mangaluru from Mysuru on Feb. 26 night, had come to Mandya KSRTC Bus Stand on Feb. 26 at 8 pm to catch a bus to Mysuru and was waiting for the bus, when some unidentified persons came in a car and asked him whether he was from Srinidhi Golds.

When Jagannath told them that he was indeed from Srinidhi Golds and was waiting for a bus to go to Mysuru, the unidentified persons told him that they too were going to Mysuru and would drop him there. Jagannath then boarded the car and saw four persons in the vehicle. While the woman introduced herself as Salma Banu, another person introduced himself as Jayanth and they began to talk till they reached Mysuru. On reaching Mysuru, the strangers told Jagannath that their friends had brought a gold biscuit and were staying at a lodge. They then asked Jagannath to come to the lodge and check the gold biscuit for its originality.

Obliging them, Jagannath entered the room in the lodge where a girl aged between 22 and 25 years was present and those who had come with Jagannath went out of the room suddenly. After a few minutes, Salma, Jayanth and four other persons entered the room and one of them abused Jagannath of bringing his sister to the lodge, assaulted him (Jagannath) and made him stand next to the girl and videographed them.

Using the video, Salma and other blackmailed Jagannath and demanded Rs. 4 crore. They also threatened Jagannath with life if he fails to give the money. The negotiations went on till about 2 am and the amount was finalised for Rs. 50 lakh. As the miscreants had locked Jagannath in the room till the money reached them, Jagannath through his friend LIC Development Officer Dr. S. Srinivas Shetty got Rs. 25 lakh from Rajashri Jewellers and handed over the cash to the blackmailers near Mysuru Zoo. Later, the person who had kept Jagannath as a hostage fetched Rs. 23 lakh from Surya Jewellers on Ashoka Road and Rs. 2 lakh from Kalpatharu Silver House on Feb. 27 morning and later released Jagannath.

On Aug. 19 at 11 am, Jagannath lodged a complaint at Mandya West Police Station and had told the Police that the blackmailers had threatened to murder him hence he had not lodged a complaint besides stating that as the blackmailers were demanding more money, he was lodging a complaint now.

Mandya West Police, who registered a case, arrested Salma, a resident of Subash Nagar in Mandya on Aug. 21 and produced her before a Magistrate. The Police have taken Salma into their custody for 10 days for questioning and have launched a hunt to nab other accused involved in the case.

Obituary

N. Manjula

Mysuru, Aug. 22- N. Manjula (52), a resident of Kalyangiri, passed away on Friday afternoon in city due to illness.

She leaves behind her husband retired BSNL employee M. Rangaswamy, children Sangeetha and R. Gautham, son-in-law D. Urs and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Adijambava Burial Grounds in Gandhinagar on Saturday afternoon.

M.S. Savitha Surendra

M.S. Savitha Surendra (49), wife of H.R. Surendra and a resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, passed away on Saturday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam on Saturday, according to family sources.

Mysore University Youth Festival attracts crowds from 26 Varsities

NSS to be a part of textbook curriculum in higher education studies as per NEP

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (PM&BCT)- State National Service Scheme (NSS) Officer Pratap Lingaiah said that NSS will be part of the textbook curriculum in higher education studies as per the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

He was speaking after inaugurating a five-day State-level Youth Festival organised by the NSS Unit of the University of Mysore (UoM) and the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports at the University Fine Arts College premises in the city yesterday.

He said that NEP states that under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence, State Governments must encourage the opening of NSS and NCC wings in their secondary and higher secondary schools, including those located in tribal-dominated areas. The NSS offers opportunities and training in service to the community and the nation for students with an aptitude, Pratap Lingaiah added.

He said that the Department of Higher Education has constituted a textbook preparation committee and one of the members of the panel is from the State NSS Cell. "A draft textbook for inclusion of NSS subjects has already been prepared and sent to the Government for approval," he noted.

Nation-building through NSS

NSS aims to instil the idea of social welfare in students and to provide service to society without bias. NSS volunteers work to ensure that everyone who is needy gets help to enhance their standard of living and lead a life of dignity, he said.

"Karnataka has 5 lakh NSS volunteers and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai wants the State NSS Cell to double its volunteers. The Government has given directions to all University Heads to gear up to include NSS as part of their syllabus," he added.

"NSS also prepares youths to engage in nation-building activities, creates a sense of discipline and strives for national integration. It promotes universal brotherhood and maintains unity in diversity to spread harmony," Pratap Lingaiah said.

UoM leads the way

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that the UoM was the first in the State to launch NSS activities in 1969 through 11 units and 1,100 NSS students. "Though the jurisdiction of the University has shrunk, NSS has grown and today the Varsity has the highest number of NSS volunteers (19,000) with a presence of 177 NSS units at its 142 affiliated colleges," he revealed.

He said that UoM has adopted a few villages as per the recommendations of NITI Aayog and camps and other activities will be held throughout the year as part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.* He appealed to youths to take up self-employment activities instead of depending upon Government jobs.

State NSS Regional Director Khadri Narasimhaiah, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. A.P. Jnanaprakash, NSS Coordinator Dr. M.B. Suresh and others were present.

At the Youth Festival, hundreds of students drawn from various institutions including 26 Universities from across the State are participating in contests, debates, quizzes, round table conferences, cultural programmes and special lectures. Over 250 NSS volunteers are coordinating the programmes that are judged by over 30 judges.

Winners of Mysore District Amateur Throwball Premier League

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (BNR) - Mysuru Thunder (women) and Mysuru Royals (men) teams bagged the winner's trophy in the Mysore District Amateur Throwball Premier League (Season-1) organised by Mysore District Amateur Throwball Association (MDATA) at Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama (MPV) Grounds in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here yesterday. A total of 8 women's teams and 10 men's teams took part in the League.

In the women's category, Mysuru Thunder beat Mysuru Royals 25-7, 25-22 in the finals to bag the top honours while Mysuru Royals, Mysuru Stars and Mysuru Titans won the 2nd, 3rd and 4th place respectively.

In the men's category, Mysuru Royals beat Mysuru Defender 25-20, 25-15 in the finals to win 1st place while Mysuru Defender, Mysuru Thunder and Mysuru Wolfs were placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively.

Sudha Shivaswamy of MPV was the chief guest during the prize distribution ceremony later in the day. N. Kashinath, Secretary, MDATA, presided.

Earlier, Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director, Department of Physical Education (DPE), University of Mysore (UoM), inaugurated the Throwball League by throwing the ball.

Mashooda Javeed, President, MDATA, C.K. Murlidhar, Sports Journalist, Swaroopini, Secretary, MPV and C.R. Himamshu, former Syndicate Member, Music University, were present during the inaugural event.

Govt. making efforts to address Pourakarmika issues: Minister

Meritorious children of Pourakarmikas honoured

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (RKB&DM)- Regretting that Pourakarmika issues have not been largely addressed even after 75 years of Independence, Water Resources, Major and Medium Irrigation Minister Govind Karjol said that, however, the present dispensation under the leadership of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is making all efforts to address the issues.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Pratibha Puraskar' programme organised by Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission in association with the District Administration for honouring meritorious children of Pourakarmikas, at KSOU Convocation Hall in Muktagangothri campus here this morning.

Observing that it is shameful to note that there are still 5,000 manual scavengers in the State, Karjol said that though all efforts are being made to end this inhuman practice, it has remained in existence.

Maintaining that Pourakarmika demands such as free education for their children, complete eradication of manual scavenging practice and considering Pourakarmikas as Government servants are fair, Karjol said that it was the first BJP Government (2008 to 2013) headed by B.S. Yediyurappa which established the Karnataka Safai Karmachari Commission for the upliftment and empowerment of Pourakarmikas.

Listing out the facilities and benefits extended by the BJP Government for Pourakarmikas, he said that the Bommai Government recently announced hardship allowance of Rs. 2,000 to each Pourakarmika, which no other Government did earlier.

Reiterating that the Bommai Government is committed for the welfare of Pourakarmikas, he called upon the concerned authorities to order a survey on the actual number of Pourakarmikas serving in rural areas, as there are apprehensions that Gram Panchayats (GPs) have come up with wrong numbers.

Bemoaning that manual scavenging continues to haunt the society despite a ban on the same, Karjol asserted that 90 manual scavengers have died while on duty and action must be taken against officials for their apathy.

Karnataka Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman Kote M. Shivanna, who delivered the keynote address, highlighted the functioning of the Commission and the measures taken by it to address Pourakarmika issues. Arguing that the Government has regularised 12,000 out of the 53,000 outsourced or contractual Pourakarmikas in the State, he said that the CM has said that regularisation is under serious consideration of the Government and an announcement in this regard may be made soon.

Shivanna further said that the 'Pratibha Puraskar' programme will be held at all District headquarters of the State, the first one of which was held in Mysuru today.

A total of 81 Pourakarmika children who passed out with distinction in SSLC and PUC (2021-22) were presented 'Pratibha Puraskar' on the occasion. Also, some of the needy meritorious children were distributed free laptops.

District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar, MLA L. Nagendra, in-Charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Chairmen of various Boards and Corporations — S. Mahadevaiah, Ka.Pu. Siddalingaswamy, M. Shivakumar, K.C. Venkatesh, Mirle Srinivas Gowda and Raghu Kautilya —Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO B.R. Poornima, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Safai Karmachari Commission Secretary Chandrakala and others were present.

NAREDCO's interaction programme tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (PM&KS)- The National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), Mysuru, has organised a presentation and interaction programme for builders and developers at Hotel Southern Star in city tomorrow (Aug. 23).

Disclosing this at a press meet held at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, NAREDCO, Mysuru, President T.G. Adisheshan Gowda said that the programme will begin at 6.30 pm during which Chairman of Legal Committee of NAREDCO, Mysuru, Dhirendra Kumar R. Mehta and Superintendent of Survey, Mysuru Division, T.R. Puttanna will conduct the first session on the topic 'Procedure for land durasth.'

The second session on 'Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)' will be conducted by National Green Building Skills Committee Chairman Sriram, he added.

The entry is limited to 100 persons and entry is only by reservation. For details, contact Mob: 99016-32020. NAREDCO Mysuru Vice-President V.C. Ravikumar, Secretary M.L. Nagesh, Members Ullas Shankar, Jagadeesh and Gagandeep were present at the press meet.

Photo Exhibition marks World Photography Day

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (RK&TRR)- As part of World Photography Day celebrations, Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) photographers had organised a programme at Suchitra Art Gallery in Kalamandira premises here this morning.

A Photo Exhibition was also organised to mark the occasion.

Students from the Department of Mass Communication & Journalism of University of Mysore (UoM), led by Associate Professor Dr. M.S. Sapna participated.

Rajkumar Devaraj Urs of Wildlife Conservation Foundation shared his experiences with the audience and also gave special lecture about photography techniques to the students.

Earlier, MLAs G.T. Devegowda and L. Nagendra inaugurated the programme.

Photo Exhibition includes a few old, rare and memorable photographs of many political, social and cultural events including Prime Minister Narendra Modi's participation in the International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations held in city on June 21. **The photo expo will be open for public till 6 pm today.**

Hampi's senior photographer Shivashankar Banagar and all the MDJA photographers were felicitated on the occasion.

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) presided. Gen. Secretary M. Subramanya and others were present on the occasion.

Water Resources Minister visits Dams

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Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan, who accompanied the Minister, said that the Harangi Dam and its backwaters hold over 2.5 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) of silt and must be cleared on an urgent basis.

"If silt is cleared, more water can be stored and if not, there is more danger of floods washing away properties in the coming monsoon," he said.

Farmers in the Harangi Command Areas require over 18 tmcft of water for a crop in Harangi Command Areas. Despite Harangi Reservoir getting filled two to three times during the rainy season, the authorities are not able to supply water for summer crops due to accumulated silt, the MLA noted.

Study of silt deposits

He told the Minister that the action plan for the removal of silt in the reservoir and the river was being prepared for the last three years and the work had been put off due to various reasons.

"A team of experts from the National Institute of Hydrology in Roorkee had already carried out a study on the silt removal exercise and a Maharashtra-based company, which had bagged the tender, had been entrusted with the works," he told the Minister.

Later, the Minister visited surrounding streams at Haraduru, Hattihole and Kote Abbi Falls, and later said work on restoring damaged bridges in these areas will be carried out soon.

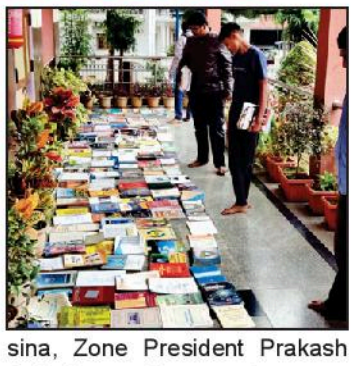
Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd. Managing Director Shankare Gowda, Chief Engineer Venkatesh and others were present.

The Minister and the official team also visited the Kabini Dam in H.D. Kote and took exception to the mushrooming of illegal resorts and home stay-type accommodations in the Kabini backwaters.

He said that he will instruct officers to take action against such unauthorised accommodations that are fleecing tourists in the name of being amidst nature.

2,450 books distributed to needy students

Mysuru, Aug. 22- Bharatiya Jain Sanghatan (BJS), Mysuru, under its 'Vidyadan By You' programme, has distributed about 2,450 books to needy students at the camps organised on four consecutive Sundays recently and the last camp was at Mahavir School, Siddarthanagar.



The students and their parents appreciated this camp very much and took a pledge to contribute in such services in future.

They expressed their gratitude to Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya President Devi Chand Jisa and all members of management and office-bearers of Jain Societies for encouraging this camp.

BJS Mysuru President Vimal Pitliya, Secretary Nisha Ramsina, Zone President Prakash Gulecha, Zone Secretary Sukhraj Vinayakia, former President Prakash Srisrimal, Youth Wing's Nikhil Bohra, Mokshita Jain, Komal Jain, Abhishek Gulecha, Samkit Jain, Moksha Jain, Yukti Jain, Dinesh Nangawat, Lalit Bhatewara, Shivani, Poorvi and Rishabh Jain had extended their cooperation.

Patriotic fervour marks I-Day celebrations

Coorg Public School and PU College, Gonikoppal: *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* celebrations began with hoisting of the Tricolour. Students dressed up as legendary freedom fighters revisited the milestones of historical journey from 1857 to 1947. The Copsians took part in a plethora of activities such as dances, songs, speeches and dance dramas. Principal Dr. Benny Kuriakose spoke about the significance of National Emblem and the Tricolour. The programme concluded with rendition of National Anthem.

***As part of** Har Ghar Tiranga **campaign, Mysore Heritage Round Table & Ladies Circle-109 had organised a Free Flag distribution programme at Kukkarahalli Lake in city. Veteran freedom fighter B. Lingaiah was the chief guest. Seen are** (from left) **41 Er. C.V. Mahesh, Round Table Area-13 Chairman Tr. Ram, MHRT-109 Chairman Tr. V.K. Vaibhav, freedom fighter Lingaiah, MHLC-109 Chairperson Vinutha Dutt, Past Ladies Circle National President Cr. Namratha Shenoy, Tr. Deepak and IPC Tr. Kumarpal.*

Trivarna Jatha by AAP Mysuru

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP): A 'Trivarna Padayatra' and Bike Jatha was organised by the AAP team from Chamaraja Assembly Constituency on the occasion of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* and the birthday of AAP Founder Arvind Kejriwal. The padayatra was led by District President Malavika Gubbivani. AAP leaders Usha Sampathkumar, Shivakumar, Dharmashree, Kiran Kalyani, Rangaiah, Mahadevi, volunteers Harsha, Irfan Razak, Irfan Baig, Deepak, Ravichandra,, Shoaib, Rajamma, Ishwarya, Thammaiah, Shahab, Kumar, Zubiar and others were present.

S.V.E.I. Institution, Vijayanagar 4th Stage: T.N. Narasimha Murthy, Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Hootagalli, was the chief guest. B. Shivalingappa, Hon.Secretary, S.V.E.I. presided. Dr. M.K. Potharaj, President, S.V.E.I., K.M. Rajashekar, Vice-President, T. Prabhakar Shetty, Treasurer, Shobha Rajashekar, Director, Lady members Komala Potharaj and Nuthan P. Shetty, Section Heads and parents were present. The programme started with March-past followed by band, flag hoisting and other cultural programmes including dance, song, karate, yoga and drill.

Sarada Vilas College, Krishnamurthypuram: To commemorate *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,* Sarada Vilas College honoured six freedom fighters of Mysuru city and had organised a special talk on Freedom Movement in India and the planting of saplings in the campus.

Freedom fighters S.L. Ramachandra, Rangashetty, Dr. M. Somashekaraiah, B. Lingaiah, B. Puttanna, Y.C. Revanna, retd. Col. Ravi Shirahatti were feted.

Dr. J. Anand, Dr. Yeshwanthkumar and Thejas Gowda introduced the freedom fighters. Prof. Shashikaka, retd. Botany Professor, introduced late freedom fighter Krishnamurthy, an alumnus of Sarada Vilas College.

Dr. M. Devika, Principal, presided and said it was a blessing for the Institution to honour freedom fighters. She opined that patriotism must run into the blood and soul of the students so that each one can contribute to the nation. Secretary N. Chandrashekar and Governing Council Members Narasimha and Ramachandra were present.

University of Mysore History Professor R. Rajanna spoke about various phases of freedom struggle during 1857 to 1947.

M.N. Abhishek welcomed. Adhithya Bharadwaj compered. Darshan proposed a vote of thanks. Literary Committee Convenor Dr. Rekha was present.

NYPUNYA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE, R.T. NAGAR: Retd. Bank Officer B. S. Narayana Gowda hoisted the Tricolour at the School premises during I-Day celebrations and addressed the gathering. Principal Shilpa Prashanth, Secretary Kautilya, teaching staff, students and parents were present. Various cultural programmes were presented on the occasion.

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru: The National Flag was hoisted by Dr. B.S. Basavarajaiah, Rtd. Civil Engineer & Eminent academician, who was the chief guest of the day along with Registrar, JSS AHER, Principals and staff of constituent colleges of JSS AHER.

Sri Dattatreya, Sri Anaghadevi idols consecrated in Chicago

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (SBD&BCT)- The idols of Sri Dattatreya and Sri Anaghadevi were consecrated at Chicago Trinity Datta Yoga Centre on the occasion of Sri Krishna Janmashtami by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji of Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Mysuru.

The idols were consecrated at the newly constructed temple at Chicago Trinity Datta Yoga Centre and the Sri Swamiji performed Nisheethi Puja and later blessed the devotees who had gathered there.

The temple has been constructed by the well-known temple architect T. Subramanian Sthapathi, proprietor of Gayathri Silpa KalaiKoodam in Chennai. Subramanian Sthapathi has over 30 years of experience in temple art and architecture and is known to have built many eye-catching and traditional temples both in India and abroad.

As part of Krishna Janmashtami, a series of cultural and spiritual programmes were held for over three days and were attended by thousands of NRIs and American devotees of the Swamiji. On Janmashtami day, a 'Bhagavad-Gita Parayana' was held where over 1,500 persons chanted shlokas, a record in itself.

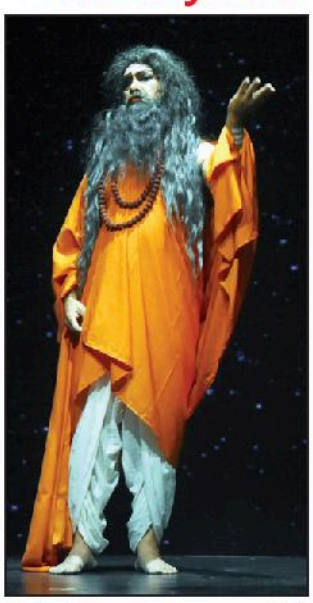
On this occasion, Raja Krishnamoorthy of Illinois in the House of Representatives of the United States Congress handed over the Congressional Record of the consecrated idols to the Swamiji.

The Congressional Record is the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress, published by the United States Government Publishing Office and issued when Congress is in session.

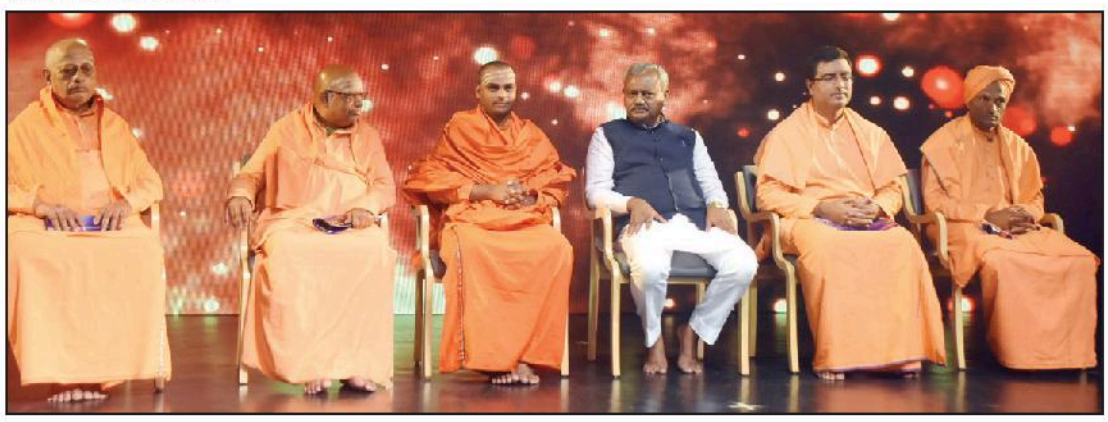
After the conclusion of the Chicago event, Sri Swamiji is scheduled to visit London and meet his devotees at the Ashram there. After participating in several spiritual programmes in London, he is scheduled to return to his Mysuru Ashram on Aug. 27, stated a press release from the Ashram.

Articulate Dance Studios presents

Kathak dance feature *Allama - The Mystic*



The Articulate Dance Studios, a performing unit of Articulate Trust for Arts, Bengaluru, presented a grand biographical 100-minute dance production titled 'Allama - The Mystic' (Kathak Classical Dance-based Kannada feature narrating the journey of 12th Century Mystic Allama) at Rama-Govinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar last evening. Music by Shankar Shanbhogue and choreography by Karnataka Kalashree Mysore B. Nagaraj. Sri Shantamallikarjuna Swamiji of Salur Bruhanmutt, M.M. Hills, Dr. Sri Sharath Chandra Swamiji of Sri Kundur Mutt, Mysuru, Sri Siddhamalla Swamiji of Sri Neelakanthaswamy Mutt, Mysuru, Sri Sreekantha Swamiji of Virakta Mutt, Mudigunda and Sri Parashivamurthy Swamiji of Sri Mahanteshwara Mutt, Baradanapura, graced the occasion. District in-Charge and Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar was felicitated on the occasion.



Karnatak music concert and dance at Alwar Kala Bhavan

Mysuru, Aug. 22- As part of Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, Sri Krishna Ganasabha has organised the following programmes at Alwar Kala Bhavan in Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage:

Aug. 22 (6 pm): Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert by Vidu. Jayanthi Sridharan from Chennai. She will be accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata; **Aug. 23 (6.30 pm):** Dance by Vidu. Mithra Naveen and her students.

PROFILES

Vidu. Jayanthi Sridharan's journey into the ocean of Karnatak Music was initiated by her mother Prema Raghavachari, who was her first guru. She continued to learn under eminent Sangeetha Kalanidhis like Maharajapuram Santhanam and R. Vedavalli under whom she received the Government of India Scholarship.

Going on to learn from Dr. M.L. Vasanthakumari whom she accompanied on her concert tours all over India and abroad, she continued her quest of learning under the guidance of violin maestro M. Chandrashekharan till lately.

Jayanthi has recently completed her Master's in Divyaprabandam in Madras University and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in the concept of Doodu (sending messengers to the Lord) as shown by Alwars and Acharyas. She has committed her music career to Srivaishnavam over the past few years.

Vidu. Mithra Naveen launched her glittering career initially under Vidu. Krishnaveni and continued her disciple-hood under Guru Vidu. Kripa Phadke completing her Junior, Senior and Vidwat exams. She acquired a profound cognitive understanding of Bharatanatyam under the direct guidance of Karnataka Kalathilaka Shantala Awardee Natyacharya K. Muralidhara Rao.

She is happily married to Naveen, a reputed vocalist and exquisite practitioner of Karnatak music. The couple founded 'Nadavidyalaya - Academy of Music & Dance' to provide meticulous training in Karnatak Classical Music & Bharatanatyam adopting Guru-Shishya system.

Academically, Mithra Naveen has Master's degrees in English and Bharatanatyam. Mithra is also a graded artiste of Doordarshan. She has the credit of being an NCC Cadet of Naval wing.

She is a bona fide Resource Person for the National Training Project organised by RIEM-National Counsellor Education Research and Training, Mysuru.

Vocal concert at Ganabharathi

Vid. Abhiram *Vid. Dayakar* *Vid. Ravishankar* *Vid. Shashishankar*

Mysuru, Aug. 22- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will be presenting a grand vocal concert by Vid. Abhiram G. Bode at 6 pm on Aug. 24 at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Ganabharathi.

He will be accompanied by eminent senior artistes, Vid. Mysore R. Dayakar on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Tumkur B. Shashishankar on ghata.

PROFILE

Vid. Abhiram Bode is a disciple of Vidu. Ganakalabhushana R.A. Ramamani for the past 18 years. A gold medallist from Madras University in his Master's examination in music, he has carved a niche among the most promising young music talents.

Some of the awards bagged by him include Dr. Shiva Saroja Sangeetha Natya Scholarship, Chennai, Ananya Nadajyothi Yuva Pratibha Puraskara, Bengaluru, first prize in National-level Pallavi Competition by R.K. Srikantan Trust, first prizes in RTP Competitions of Bengaluru Gayana Samaja and Shruthimanjari, Mysuru, Nadakishora Award by Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, winner of Sangeeth Yatra Season 2, Karnatak Reality Show conducted by World Music Conservatory and Sri Sankara TV.

Vid. Abhiram Bode has performed extensively on most of the prestigious platforms, including Arkay Convention Centre, Chennai, Parthasarathy Swamy Sabha, Naada Inbam, University of Madras, Music Academy, Madras, Bhratiya Vidya Bhavan, Chennai, Bengaluru Gayana Samaja etc.

WORD OF THE DAY

Brackish

Pronunciation: BRACK-ish.
Meaning: Brackish is typically used to mean "somewhat salty," and most often describes water or bodies of water, such as rivers, lakes, and estuaries.
Origin: When the word brackish first appeared in English in the 1500s, it simply meant "salty," as did its Dutch parent brak. (English speakers also adopted the synonymous brack from the same source but it gets very little use.) Then, as now, brackish was used to describe water that was a mixture of saltwater and freshwater, such as one encounters where a river meets the sea. Since that time, however, brackish has developed the additional meanings of "unpalatable" and "repulsive," presumably because of the oozy, mucky, and sometimes stinky (or stinkyish, if you prefer)—not just salty—qualities of coastal estuaries and swamps.
Example: "The Homosassa River is an estuarial waterway that flows through marine wetlands on the western edge of the Florida panhandle, turning brackish as it approaches the Gulf of Mexico." — Marissa Grunes

THE ODD WORD

Bambosh

Deceptive nonsense.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

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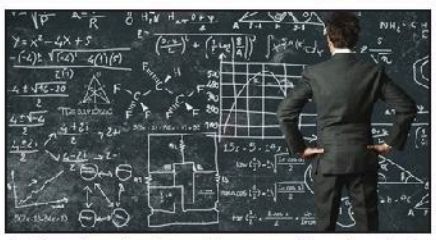

Meaning: Back to the drawing board means: Time to start all over again.
Origin: The origin of the idiom "Back to the drawing board" is art. The saying is attributed to an American artist named Peter Arno, who published his cartoons in the New Yorker. In a comic strip from 1941, we see a man in a fancy suit, carrying a bunch of rolled up papers assumed to be mechanical drawings of an aircraft, walking away from a crashed plane. In the bubble above his head, we read "Well, back to the drawing board."
Example: "It looks like my plans to kill the weeds in the garden failed. Back to the drawing board."

QUOTE BOX

In drawing, nothing is better than the first attempt.— **Pablo Picasso**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer :Splash out.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Place to sleep in
4 Evil or sinful
7 Small island
11 Go wrong - and be human?
12 Fifty two in Roman numerals
13 Japanese style of wrestling
14 Not in bondage through birth
17 Bodily hurt
18 Offspring, progeny or scion
20 Sound like a bird?
22 Buck may be one such creature
23 Inverse to "cos" in trigonometry?
24 Revolving aerofoil
27 Makes changes
31 More sluggish
33 A little island
34 Grandmother
35 Author unknown
37 Blots out
39 Architectural style - "ports men do" anagram
42 Junior to Maj.
43 Hermetic and flawless
46 High: prefix
47 French vineyard -"cur" anagram?
48 Employ
49 Flat plate
50 The edge of a garment, especially a handkerchief
51 __ drop silence

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

R	E	A	P	■	J	A	B	S	■	T	R	A
O	M	N	I	■	A	Y	A	H	■	O	U	R
W	I	N	G	■	Y	E	A	R	L	O	N	G
S	T	E	T	S	■	■	L	U	G	E	■	■
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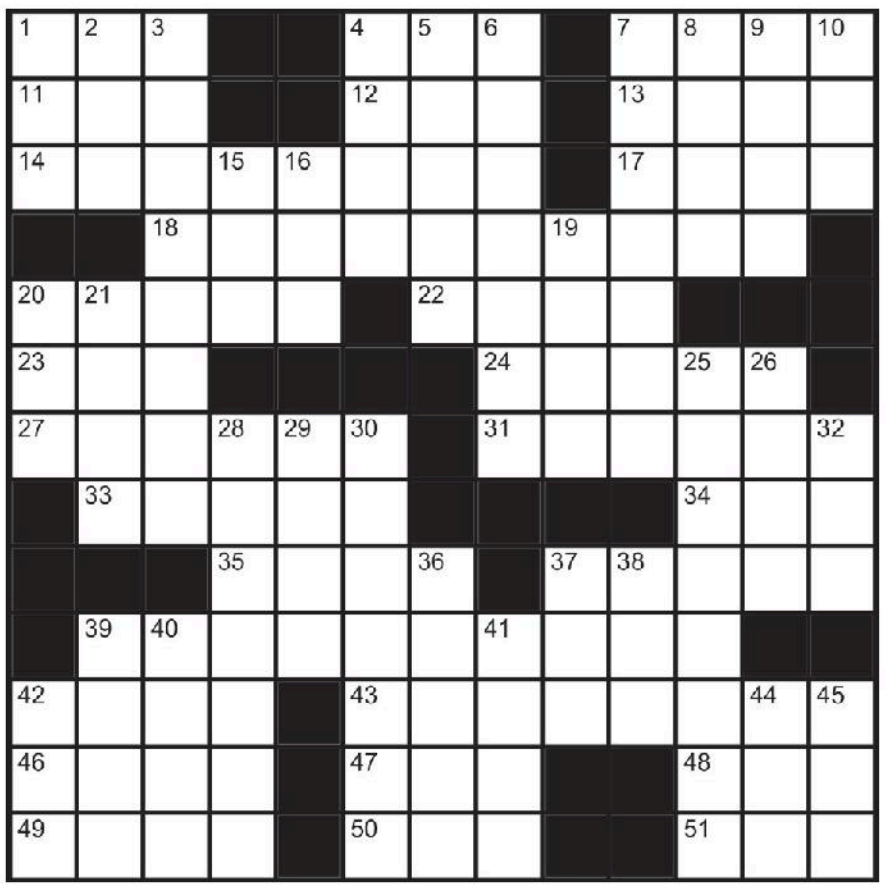
F	E	Z	■	N	C	O	S	■	A	S	S	N
T	A	E	■	S	Y	N	C	■	R	E	T	E

DOWN
1 State of drowsy contentment
2 Irregular, abbr.
3 Foretells, prophesies or portends
4 Political alliance
5 Exposed for drying
6 Evening meals
7 Type of grass used in making paper
8 Chinese money
9 Delete or skip
10 Heavy weight
15 "Ever", in short, for the poet
16 Mayawati's party
19 Sunny or Esha of Bollywood
20 US Civil war side, in short
21 Prefix with port
25 Confessing or admitting (6,2)
26 Genuine
28 Stretchable material
29 Cost of leasing a house or flat
30 Tolerate
32 MD's aides
36 Bete ___ : Anathema
37 Dobermann doc
38 Gad's son?
39 Ancient Indian language
40 ___ out : decides to leave or withdraws ?
41 A percussion instrument
42 Comp. Aided Design
44 Horizontal Situation Indicator
45 Best possible marks in a gymnastic event?



SUDOKU

		8	5		2			
		9	7	8			5	
1						3		
2		6						3
	5						9	
7						5		4
		3						7
	8			9	4	2		
			3		6	1		

Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	2	6	1	5	9	8	4
9	1	4	7	2	8	6	5	3
5	8	6	3	9	4	2	7	1
4	2	3	9	5	1	8	6	7
6	5	1	2	8	7	4	3	9
8	7	9	4	3	6	1	2	5
3	9	5	8	4	2	7	1	6
2	4	7	1	6	3	5	9	8
1	6	8	5	7	9	3	4	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KSJ QJOK RLH KB XDJZWEK KSJ AFKFDJ

WO KB WMCJMK WK.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Love begins by taking care of the closest ones - the ones at home.

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Seetha Ramam (Te)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Karthikeya 2 (Te)	(S-1)	1.35 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.05 pm
Galipata 2 (K)	(S-1)	10.00 pm
	(S-3)	1.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.00 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Thiruchitrambalam (Ta)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.10 pm
Vikrant Rona (K-3D)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Nna Thaan Case Kodu (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Love 360 (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am, 4.15 pm
Lal Singh Chaddha (H)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
Thallumaala (Ma)	(S-3)	10.05 pm

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		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-3)	11.00 am
Nope (E)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 3.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Thiruchitrabalam (Ta)	(S-2)	9.50 am
	(S-3)	4.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Love 360 (K)	(S-3)	2.00 pm, 7.40 pm
Seetha Ramam (Te)	(S-2)	3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Kartikeya -2 (Te)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 7.10 pm
Vikrant Rona (K-3D)	(S-4)	12.50 pm
Laal Singh Chaddha (H)	(S-4)	6.40 pm

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		3.15 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.20, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Thallumaala (Ma)	:	9.25 am, 9.30 pm
Thiruchitrambalam (Ta)	:	10am, 12.35pm, 3.30, 6.20pm, 9.15pm
Karthikeya 2 (Te)	:	12.00 noon, 4.15 pm, 6.25 pm
Karthikeya 2 (H)	:	10.30 pm
Nope (E)	:	12.15 pm, 3.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Raksha Bandhan (H)	:	12.55 pm
Love 360 (K)	:	3.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Laal Singh Chaddha (H)	:	6.25 pm
Vikrant Rona (K-3D)	:	7.20 pm

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Gaalipata 2 (K)	:	9.35 am, 12.45 pm, 3.55 pm, 5.50 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.15 pm
Karthikeya 2 (Te)	:	9.35 am, 12.40 pm, 3.45, 6.40 pm, 10 pm
Thiruchitrambalam (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 12.50 pm, 3.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Love 360 (K)	:	11.30 am
Laal Singh Chaddha (H)	:	2.25 pm
Vikrant Rona (K-3D)	:	6.50 pm

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 22)

- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Shravanamasa, mass prayers, **6 pm;** Discourse by Prof. Morabada Mallikarjun, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetha:** Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha rituals by Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, Sri Ganapathy Ashram, Ooty Road, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** Vocal concert by Vidu. Jayanthi Sridharan, Vidu. C.V. Shruthi - violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy - mridanga & Vid. S. Manjunath - ghata, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 23)

- **Avadhoota Datta Peetha:** Guru Purnima, Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha rituals by Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, Sri Chakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, **7.30 am;** Discourse on Yoga Vashishta, **8 am;** Special programmes, Sri Ganapathy Ashram, Nanjangud Road, **7 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2486486]
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Shravanamasa Rituals and 'Samskrutha Darshana' Discourse Programme, mass prayers, **6 pm;** Discourse by Prof. Morabada Mallikarjun on Sharana Culture, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7 pm.**

PM to inaugurate Amrita Hospital at Faridabad

New Delhi, Aug. 22- Amrita Hospital at Faridabad in Haryana will be inaugurated by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on Aug. 24 at 10.40 am, under the aegis of Mata Amritanandamayi Math.

Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi (Amma) will grace the occasion.

Prize winners of Hemmaragala Zonal-level Sports Meet

Prize winners are seen with Institution Administrative Officer S.P. Udayashankar, Heads and PE Teachers.

Nanjangud, Aug. 22 (SSM)- The students of JSS High School in Suttur here have bagged prizes in various categories at the Hemmaragala Zonal-level Sports Meet organised by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Nanjangud taluk, at Hedathale village in the taluk recently.

In boys' category, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi and Throwball teams have bagged first place and in girls' category, Kho-Kho team has secured first and Kabaddi & Badminton teams have secured second place. In athletics category, **Rohith** bagged Individual Championship by securing first place in Triple Jump, Discus Throw and Shot Put.

Running Race: Yuvaraj - 1st prize in 100 mts; Manu - 1st in 800 mts, M.C. Basavaraj - 1st in 3000 mts; B.P. Rajesh - 2nd in 1500 mts; T.S. Vinay - 2nd in 200 mts; Ramesh - 3rd in 400 mts; Meghana - 1st in 400 mts; Komala - 1st in 800 mts; T.D. Harshitha - 2nd in 3000 mts; Harshita - 2nd in 1500 mts; Rachanshree - 2nd in 200 mts.

High Jump: Yuvaraj - 2nd; **Long Jump:** Rachanashree - 1st; **Triple Jump:** Rachanashree - 3rd; **Discus Throw:** Pavithra - 1st; **High Jump:** Akumani - 1st; **Javelin Throw:** Akumani - 2nd; **Relay (4×100 mts):** Girls and Boys - 1st prize.

The School also bagged the Overall Championship at the Sports Meet, according to a press release from the School Head Master.

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Love 360 (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
	(S-2)	1.30 pm
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	(S-2)	9.15 pm
Thallumaala (Ma)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Gaalipata 2 (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm
		7.45 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 6.15 pm
		9.15 pm
Seetha Ramam (Te)	(S-4)	1.30 pm

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